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ATTENTION: DANIEL ARIMA

ANNUAL PERMIT FEE

Annual Permit Fees (July 2002 thru June 2003)

PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	ACRES	BILLING DATE
VELVET	M370040	22	06/27/2002
PERMIT TYPE	PROJECT STATUS	ANNUAL FEE	
LARGE MINING OPERATION < 50 ACRES	INACTIVE	\$ 500	

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
07/26/2002	\$ 500

Please see enclosed instructions for payment.

Please retain this portion for your records. For billing information call (801) 538-5291

This portion **MUST** be returned with your payment to ensure proper credit. **THANK YOU**

ACCOUNT BILLED	PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID
U S ENERGY CORP	VELVET	M370040
DUE DATE	ANNUAL FEE	AMOUNT DUE
07/26/2002	\$ 500	\$ 500
TAX ID OR SOCIAL SECURITY #		
<input type="checkbox"/> FEE NOT ENCLOSED		
Permittee requests an inspection to close out this permit.		
Change of Address		
Contact		
Address		
State Zip		
Phone		

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June 27, 2002

Re: **Permit Fees for 2002-2003 Fiscal Year, Minerals Regulatory Program**

Dear Permittee:

We are now entering our fifth year of annual permit fee assessment as authorized by the Utah State Legislature in 1998. In order to help balance shortfalls in Division Program funding, the legislature has approved an increase in the annual fees as follows:

Exploration projects	from \$100.00	Now \$150.00
Small Mines	from \$100.00	Now \$150.00
Large Mines (less than 50 acres disturbed)	from \$350.00	Now \$500.00
Large Mines (over 50 acres disturbed)	from \$750.00	Now \$1,000.00

The minerals rules require the payment of an annual permit fee for all active exploration and mining permits (note: the project may be inactive; however, if the site has not been fully reclaimed and released by the Division, the permit remains active). The permit fees are due by the last Friday of July for the next fiscal year.

Permit Fees for the 2002-2003 fiscal year are due by July 26, 2002.

Note: If the site is fully reclaimed (*i.e., 3 growing seasons have passed & conditions meet the 70% pre-mining vegetation standard*) and you no longer wish to keep your permit active, you may *check the box* on the billing form requesting a site inspection (*see #5 on the attached sheet*). *Before you check the box requesting an inspection and file closure*, please make certain that all mining related waste, trash and debris have been removed, and that the vegetation is well established.

Delinquent fee notifications will be turned over to the Utah Office of Debt Collection (see #6 on attached sheet). The Division cannot accept payment for delinquent fees. Only the current year fees are accepted and processed by the Division. Payment of any delinquent fees from previous years must be arranged through the Office of Debt Collection – call (801) 538-3603.

Please see reverse side of this sheet for detailed instructions on the payment of fees.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

Instructions for Payment of Fees

1. Collection of Permit Fees

The Utah Legislature authorized the collection of permit fees in the Minerals Program to begin July 1, 1998. The purpose of fee collection is to provide supplemental funding for additional program assistance in processing and maintaining mining and exploration permit applications and inspection of those sites.

Please note: Some companies/operators may be receiving more than one billing form. It is important to return each one of those forms to ensure proper credit.

2. Fees Are Assessed as Follows:

<u>Notices of Intent</u>	<u>Annual Fee</u>
Exploration Operations	\$150.00
Small Mining Operations (5 or less disturbed acres)	\$150.00
Large Mining Operations (less than 50 disturbed acres*)	\$500.00
Large Mining Operations (more than 50 disturbed acres*)	\$1,000.00

(*For Large Mining Operations, the fees are based on the disturbed acreage permitted/bonded.)

3. Fees Due Date

Fees are due by the last Friday in July, for all permitted operations or applications presently under Division review. Fees will also be due upon submission of a new permit application or a permit amendment/revision which increases the acreage to a new fee category.

4. Failure to Pay

Failure to pay the permit fee will result in cancellation of a permit to mine or explore (*site reclamation is still required by the operator*).

New permit applications will not be processed if the fee is not enclosed with the application.

5. Opportunity to Close Out a Permit

Permittees have the opportunity to close out a permit and not pay the fee. To be eligible to close out a permit, you must return the enclosed billing form with the appropriate box checked. You will then be contacted by the Division to arrange for an onsite inspection. The area must be fully reclaimed and in a stable condition to be eligible for closing out a permit. ***If the area is suitably reclaimed, then NO FEE WILL BE DUE.*** If the area is not yet suitably reclaimed, then a new billing notice will be issued and the permittee will be given 30 days from the date of the onsite inspection to pay the fee.

6. Delinquent Fees

All permit fees which remain uncollected 30 days after the due date will be turned over to the Utah Office of Debt Collection (ODC). Additional penalties, interest and collection fees will be assessed by the ODC.

7. Change of Address

Please note any address changes on the return form. (NOTE: An operator cannot be changed on this form. This must be accomplished through a formal permit transfer).

8. Questions or Comments

Please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291.

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